

The modern house that replaced a medieval mansion at Oteley can be seen on the other side of the Mere. Owain Glyn Dwr, the last Prince of Wales met with John Kynaston of Stocks here in 1400 before attacking Oswestry.

At the far end of the Moors car park cross road to footpath to right of St Michaels Church/Poor Clare's Convent and follow path to the canal.*

The canal was opened in 1805.

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Turn left along towpath and soon walk through tunnel (torch is handy here). The tunnel is 80 metres/87 yards long and there is a handrail for the full extent. On emerging from tunnel the next point of interest is Blakemere which is very picturesque.

Continue along towpath. At Bridge 55 there is a thatched cottage and further on, views of Colemere and some "interesting" summer houses.

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At Bridge 53 is Lyneal Trust, a charity that provides canal-based holidays for persons with disabilities.

At Bridge 51 pass under the bridge, left up the steps and right along Lyneal Lane returning to village by retracing your steps via the second footpath on the right, or if time walk along lane to view St Michael and All Angels Church.

The stone to build the church was transported by canal from Cefyn Mawr and hauled by cart along this lane in 1862-3.

Carefully cross A495 turning right to start of walk.

**If you do not wish to walk through the canal tunnel carry on along the road from the Moors car park. Where the road splits, carefully cross over to the small car par where there is a path on the left to the canal.*

The Nature Improvement Area and Landscape Partnership Scheme

The Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme is working to preserve, enhance and raise awareness of this precious landscape. The Partnership is mainly funded by a combination of money from Heritage Lottery Fund and a Government funded Nature Improvement Area; this project area covers the heartland of the wider Meres and Mosses region.

This work is being delivered by a wide partnership comprising:

Butterfly Conservation
Canal and River Trust
Cheshire Wildlife Trust
Environment Agency
Harper Adams University
Natural England
RSPB

Shropshire Rural Community Council
Shropshire Council
Shropshire Wildlife Trust



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WALK 4

Circular route from Welshampton via Ellesmere
Parking available at Parish Hall, adjacent side road on A495 and at Sun Inn with proprietors' consent

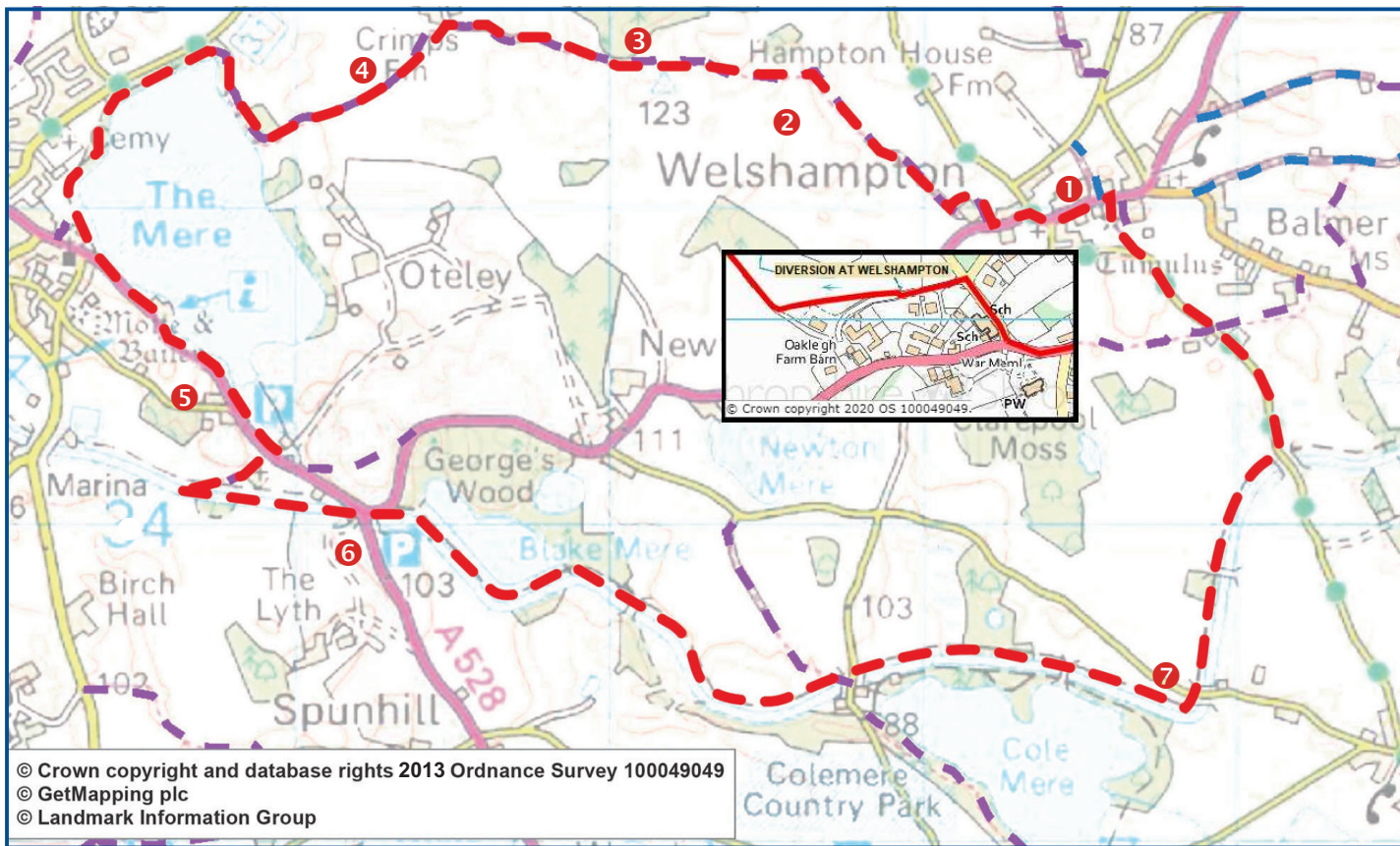
Fields paths, tracks and canal without stiles (bring a torch)

6¼ miles
3 hours



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Set off in the direction of Ellesmere from Welshampton.

Tumulus - prehistoric burial mound on left. The Church was designed by Sir George Gilbert-Scott and consecrated in 1863. A Basuto Prince is buried in the churchyard (quite near the door)

Pass school on right (church is on left)...

Old Red Lion Pub is the first cottage after the schoolhouse on right.

...and just after road sign for sharp bend turn right into a farmyard between the farmhouse and barn conversions. There is a short wooden Shropshire Way marker post on the roadside.

The farmhouse used to be a pub called "The Oak".

2

Cross the farmyard bearing left, through a metal barred gate and along a track to the next gate. Do not go through this gate but follow the path to the left side of the hedge. If the path is overgrown - lots of cow parsley in the summer - walk above it along the edge of the field. Before reaching the corner return to the path and pass through a swing gate.

Continue to follow the hedge on your left, passing two ponds on your left. Follow the hedge around the left bend and up a slope to a metal swing gate on the left. Continue through the next field bearing slightly right down the slope to the next swing gate.

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Carry on across next field in same direction to next swing gate, noticing trig. point to the left on skyline. From this swing gate the next one is clearly visible. Keeping as near as possible to the fence on the left proceed to top of slope.

From here there are expansive views of Ellesmere, Llangollen and Dinas Bran, towards Wrexham and Minera Mountain.

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Make way down steep slope through gateway to track at bottom and follow this to Crimps Farm on right. Here turn left along tarmac track. Where the track bears sharp left there is a good view straight ahead of the Church and Mere at Ellesmere. At this point leave the track and keep straight on along the narrow path, between the fence and hedge. Turn right for Ellesmere at signpost and follow the path along the mere, passing through the woods and Cremorne Gardens viewing the sculptures en route.

The Cremorne Gardens were once the gardens of Ellesmere House, residence of Lord Brownlow's Agent.

Notice the high ground on which the Church and castle motte (now the Bowling Green) are placed. The ancient level of the mere was much higher and surrounded them. The road along the mere side dates from the nineteenth century. Previously it was under water.

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There are plenty of seats, a refreshment kiosk, visitor centre and Boathouse Restaurant along the Promenade to sit and enjoy the scenery and antics of the many varied waterfowl along the Mere including a few rarities.

